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 Applicants : Paul R. Sleath et al.
 Application No. : 09/670,106 Confirmation No. : 5809
 Filed : September 26, 2000
 For : INTERLEUKIN 1 β PROTEASE AND INTERLEUKIN 1 β
 PROTEASE INHIBITORS

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New York, New York
 October 23, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the April 23, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, the time for filing this response is extended up to and including October 23, 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.
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EXTENSION FEE

- [X] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$420.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [X] \$950.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1480.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); [] \$2010.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).
- [X] A check in the amount of [] \$110.00; [] \$420.00; [X] \$950.00; [] \$1480.00; [] \$2010.00; in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [] Please charge the [] \$110.00; [] \$420.00; [] \$950.00; [] \$1480.00; [] \$2010.00; extension fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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